

ANN LANDERS



You Told Them, Sis

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to say a word to the girl who was complaining about her pesty, pain-in-the-neck kid brother, age 11. She said he was driving her cuckoo and she didn't think she could last four years until she went to college.

Tell her I was in her spot eight years ago. I was 12 then and he was 10. I came close to writing to you a half dozen times to ask for help. My brother was an awful pest and a tease and at times I was sure I hated him.

Last week that "awful pest" left for Vietnam. I never realized how much he meant to me until I had to say good-bye to him. All the petty squabbles suddenly seemed terribly unimportant. I felt ashamed of having been so impatient and stupid. I realize now he was a normal kid who enjoyed attention and loved mischief.

Please, Ann, tell all the older sisters who are now suffering with pesty kid brothers that before they know it those little bratty brothers will be grown up and they'll wish they could live those days over again.

—BUD'S SIS

Dear Sis: You told them—and in a way I never could. Thank you dear.

Dear Ann Landers: Last month our beloved uncle died. He was laid out in the living room of his home, in front of the picture windows.

The following day he was taken 200 miles away to be buried in his wife's family cemetery. I have seen this cemetery and it is right in the middle of a cornfield. Nobody bothers to keep it up and it makes me sick to think of our loving kin out there in all those weeds and brambles.

Our whole family is upset about this and we wonder if there's anything we can do to get our dear uncle moved back here where we can give him the proper care and attention.—CONCERNED FAMILY

Dear Family: I trust you gave your dear uncle the proper care and attention when he was alive. That's the only kind a person benefits from.

His wife has the right to choose his final resting place unless he made a special request in his will. If she wants him in the cornfield, that's where he should be.

Dear Ann: You're going to decide this: I'm sick of opinions from relatives who don't know their elbows from third base.

I went with Pete for two years. We were officially engaged for 11 months. He suddenly called off the whole thing, saying he wasn't ready to get married.

My parents lost the \$250 deposit on the hall. I spent over \$100 on honeymoon-style nightgowns and other frilly stuff that isn't worth a hoot now.

This was four months ago and yesterday the low-life skunk asked for his ring. I said "NO." He said he's seeing a lawyer. What should I do?—LIVID

Dear Liv: His lawyer will tell him that when a man breaks the engagement the girl is entitled to the ring. But why on earth would you want it? I should think you'd be happy to get rid of anything that reminded you of the creep.

Truth is stranger, as readers will discover in Ann Landers' new book, "Truth is Stranger . . ." \$4.95 at bookstores. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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ALL SMILES . . . Perry A. Luth (center), ordnance division manager at Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance, and Frank O'Keefe (right), Hi-Shear's quality assurance and reliability manager, are all smiles after receiving one of four Quality Supplier Awards from the Martin Marietta Corp., Orlando Division. Presenting the award is Ralph S. Brooks, Western Area supervisor, supplier quality, for Martin-Marietta. Only four companies among the hundreds of suppliers received the award.

Quality Supplier Award Won by Hi-Shear Corp.

Hi-Shear Corp. of Torrance has won one of four national Quality Supplier awards from the Martin-Marietta Corp. of Orlando, Fla.

A framed certificate was presented last week to George S. Wing, president, and John T. Bingham, manager-quality assurance and reliability, at Hi-Shear Corp. by Martin-Marietta's Joseph S. Alan, new Western Area materiel representative, and Ralph S. Brooks, Western Area supervisor, supplier quality.

Hi-Shear, singled along with three other companies from thousands of suppliers to the Orlando Division, supplies ordnance hardware and high strength structural fastening systems to the Pershing two-stage ballistic missile and other classified programs.

ALAN EXPLAINED that the selection was based on examining each supplier's record during a seven-month period (March-September) for number of hardware defects, cost of doing business, and overall co-operation with Martin-Marietta. Hi-Shear showed outstanding cost and delivery performance and had a zero defect record.

Operational, the Pershing (XMG-31A) is in full production at the Orlando Division. It is 35 feet long, carries a nuclear payload, and has a selective range of 100 to 400 nautical miles at supersonic speeds. It serves in a deterrent mission capacity for the U.S. Army and is used by the Federal Republic of Germany.

Hi-Shear has been similarly recognized by other aerospace divisions of the Martin-Marietta Corp.

THE COMPLETED Gemini-Titan two-man orbital flight program ending in 1966 with its 10 highly successful missions was symbolized by the Gemini Vehicle Team Flag award. Hi-Shear supplied "critical parts" to the program.

During 1965 Hi-Shear received the Prime Program Achievement Award from the Baltimore Division for performance excellence in developing ordnance products. A Zero Defects award was made by the Denver Division for supplying superior products.

Hi-Shear was honored in 1963 by the T-Minus-10 Citation from the Denver Division for cost reductions in connection with the Titan ICBM missile program.

Tartar Teen Talk

By Betsy Tomita

John Goddard, famed anthropologist, presented his film and lecture on New Zealand at Torrance High last week. Goddard traveled to New Zealand last summer, which due to the earth's relation to the sun is New Zealand's winter.

Included in the film was a whale hunting expedition. Students witnessed the actual killing of a Blue Whale by use of electric charges and the processing for its valuable oils.

GODDARD commented that the killing of these mammals is unnecessary because most of those products can be synthesized.

The fishing is great there according to Goddard. "The average weight of a trout is around 5 pounds, and there have been instances of catching a 28 pound Brown and a 22 pound Speckled," Goddard explained.

The presentation was informative concerning life in New Zealand and student's reaction to Goddard's assembly was favorable.

A BATHTUB was seen floating around campus and students were asked to throw their loose change into it. The money will be used to buy toys for the children age 4 and 5 in the Head Start program in Compton. The dance following the basketball game with West High tonight will feature the "Soft White," and dance proceeds will also go to the Head Start project.

"Feast of Lights," the annual Christmas show was held last night. Music students of Torrance High numbering approximately 250-260, a record high, participated in the performance. Numbers from the choir, band, orchestra, Tartar Twelve, Troubadours, mixed chorus, and girls' glee club were all heard.

MR. HOHN Spence, director of the band, commented, "It was a far more artistic show with the use of props and special lighting."

The modern dance department performed a dance of "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers."

Kentwood Sets Cast For Play

Casting for the Kentwood Players production of the drama "Witness for the Prosecution" has been completed. The play will open Jan. 17 under the direction of C. Clarke Bell for a run of five weekends.

The cast includes Ashley Cole, Robert Logsdon, Frank Pitt, Larry Berdugo, Robert Hesse, Elizabeth Ash, John Beisner, Jack Frey, Jim Habib, Reita Pitt Harvey, Rosenberg, and Bonnie Doubek.

The play takes place in London's Central Criminal Court, better known as the Old Bailey.

Kentwood Players' productions are staged at the Westchester Playhouse, 8301 S. Hindry Ave.

County to Create New Superior Court District

Creation of a Superior Court district to serve the Compton area and relieve crowded court calendars in Torrance and Long Beach has been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said today.

Support of the plan to form the South Central Superior Court District was voiced by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday. The proposal has the support of a committee of Superior Court judges as well as the bar associations in the area.

"Not only will this district better serve the citizens of the Compton area, it will alleviate heavy case backlogs in surrounding districts such as Long Beach and Torrance," Chace said.

THREE weeks ago, Chace instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to study the proposed district, and the report produced a favorable recommendation. The matter now goes back to the Superior Court where it must be approved by a majority of judges.

Meanwhile, the CAO and the Superior Court will determine the number of courtrooms required, and plans for these courts will be included in the Compton Civic Center proposal," Chace said.

The county and the city of Compton are negotiating for formation of a joint powers authority which would issue bonds to finance a civic center project.

"THE SUPERIOR Court has been asked to expedite its final recommendations so we can proceed promptly on the critically needed courts program," Chace said.

Specific boundaries of the South Central District were not pinned down by supervisors. However, the general area to be served includes Compton and the Watts-Willowbrook area.

The new district would serve about 420,000 persons locally, where they presently must travel to Long Beach, Los Angeles or Torrance.

"Citizens should be assured that justice is administered locally, and this new district would guarantee that right," Chace said.

THE NEW district would have tremendous impact in South District (Long Beach) and South West District (Torrance-South Bay), where many citizens of the proposed South Central District now go.

"In Torrance, there is a backlog of 583 criminal cases and 1,760 civil cases," Chace said. "In fact, there has not been a civil case set in Torrance since January."

The situation is the same in Long Beach, where there is a 323-case backlog in criminal matters and 2,279 in civil cases. "It's almost impossible to get a civil matter heard in either of these districts and that hampers the fair processes of justice," Chace said. "The new district would eliminate much of the backlog."

County supervisors have approved plans and specifications for drilling six observation wells as part of the West Coast Basin Sea Barrier Project, Supervisor Burton W. Chace reported today.

Estimated cost of the work has been set at \$65,000.

Bids are being sought and will be opened Jan. 10 in the offices of the County Flood Control District. Award of contract by the Board is due about 10 days later, Chace said.

THE JOB calls for drilling the wells in sections of Los Angeles, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, and Torrance. They will be spotted in an area generally bounded by Manchester Avenue, Hawthorne Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard, and Pacific Coast Highway.

Streets to be affected by the drilling include Arbor Vitae in Los Angeles, Douglas Street in El Segundo, the future Redondo Avenue in Manhattan Beach, and Inglewood Avenue, Earl Street, and Ocean Avenue, all in Torrance.

CHACE SAID wells are planned near Airport Junior High School and Joseph Arnold Elementary School. During construction, the contractor will be required to erect temporary five-foot high chain link fencing to completely enclose drilling operations.

The purpose of the wells is to monitor effectiveness of the barrier project which is designed to halt encroachment of sea water along the county's west coastline.

Work is due to start within 30 days after the contract award and will require approximately 5 months to complete, Chace said.

Financing was included in the current fiscal year budget of the Flood Control District, Chace added.

A Letter . . . To My Son

By Tom Rische
High School Teacher and Youth Worker

Dear Bruce: The snow you saw for the first time last week may be fun to make snowballs of, but it's not fun to live in.

It's one of the major reasons why your dad came to California. Having read a Chamber of Commerce-type letter about California's beaches, balmy breezes, and beautiful babes, your father made the trip and stayed.

When I hear people saying how much fun living in the snow might be, I remember the times that the car wouldn't start in the morning and frozen waits at the bus stop which followed. I think too of the countless sidewalks I shovelled and the dozens of storm windows I put up.

Snow country people like to say, "Sure, California has higher salaries, but it costs more to live there, too." I'm not sure that California prices are much higher, but I do know that we don't need to buy overcoats, heavy suits, earmuffs, stocking caps, gloves, snow boots, snowshoes, storm windows, car chains, or enough heat inside our houses to counteract 30 below temperatures outside.

Poets rhapsodize over beautiful white snow, but they don't talk about the times that your car skids sideways into another car because of it. They don't sing of it when it's half-melted and a dirty gray mess.

Snow may be nice to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there any more.

California, here I am,
YOUR DAD.

UCLA Extension Lectures to Explore Attitudes on Racism

White attitudes toward racial minorities will be examined in a series of lectures beginning Jan. 6 in Torrance, scheduled by UCLA Extension for the public.

The series, "Race in the Mind of America," will continue 10 Mondays through March 17, meeting in Room 228 of the Music Building at North High School, 3620 W. 182nd St., from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

A team of historians and other social science experts will examine questions on racism raised earlier this year by the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders.

THE COMMISSION found that white racism is a basic cause of today's urban unrest, advising that efforts be made to increase public understanding of racial attitudes.

Coordinator for the series historian David L. Levering, California State Polytechnic College, Pomona. Other lecturers are historians Gary B. Nash, Donald T. Takai, Richard Weis, and Stanley Cohen of UCLA; historian Joseph Boskin of the University of Southern California; Harry H. L. Kitano, associate professor of social welfare, UCLA; and psychologist Beiram H. Raven of UCLA.

The social scientists will trace historical relationships among racial groups in Colonial America to the present, with particular attention to such subjects as the oriental in California.

ALSO CONSIDERED will be the psychology of racism, as the conclusion will make predictions for the 1970s — whether that decade will see two Americas or one.

The series may also be taken as a course for three units credit.

Attendance is by enrollment or single admission, available the door if space permits.

Count Marco

Some Questions for the Boss

It is much easier for a girl to get the right job than a man. There are more jobs available and the prospective employer makes up his mind more quickly about hiring girls than he does men.

In answering the question one non-successful applicant asks, "What questions should I ask an employer?" here are some very good ones.

The reason employers ask if you have any questions is the same reason Miss America contestants are asked to speak on various subjects to test your intelligence, your speaking voice and your interest in the job. You have every right to know

everything about any job before you decide to accept it.

Some logical questions to ask are these: "What legal holidays have been established in the firm? Does the company offer health insurance and retirement plans? (This is an excellent question because it immediately implies a desire to stay on for years and years.) Does the employer offer incentive bonuses? (Another good question because it displays ambition.) Is overtime pay offered, and what are the probabilities of overtime?"

Many girls get discouraged on the job if they discover unhappily that there is a great deal of overtime that can interfere with dating. To some girls, money

isn't everything, you know. Better to know in advance than have to waste time and look for another job.

What about vacations? How many days a week? You must remember that a job is a two-way occupation. The employer wants to know if you're going to like the job before you take it because it's such an expensive venture to train new personnel and you should never take a job unless you know you're going to like it and stay with it.

An on-the-job training program doesn't mean they will teach you everything. You must have the required skills to be able to be trained.

Any other questions?



PRESENTS CALENDARS . . . John LeFevre (left), area Scout commissioner, joins Kenneth F. Spencer, president of Beverly Hills Federal Savings and Loan Association, as he presents the traditional Scout calendars to three Scouts. On hand to receive the calendars were Cub Scout Michael Pixley, Boy Scout Howard LeFevre, and Explorer Scout Joe Hansen. Calendars are available at the firm's Rolling Hills Plaza office.